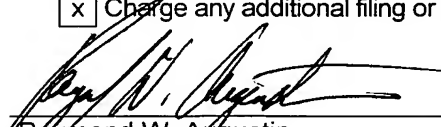
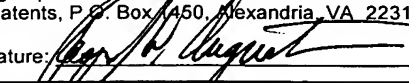
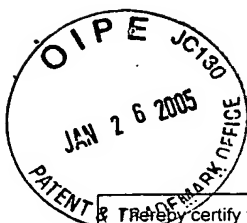


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Dear Sir:

Note this amendment is filed with the Appeal Brief filed this date. In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-13 and 18-27, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: